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## FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

To the Members and Friends of the Burnley Literary and Philosophical Society.—After much consideration the Committee beg to make an appeal to the members and friends of the Society on behalf of the funds, and in doing so would venture to point out that the time has now arrived when an effort should be made to clear off all the liabilities of the Society. The sum needed is about £120, and the raising of this sum would enable the Committee not only to place the Society on a sound financial basis, but also to classify, arrange and catalogue the collection which has been gathered together.

It will be remembered that the Society held its earlier meetings in Mr. Joseph Thornton's Restaurant, Bridge Street. Afterwards a few meetings were held in Mr. Berry's rooms, St. James's Row. Then a room was taken near Scar House, upon which a considerable amount was spent before a meeting could be held there. Even then it was not waterproof, and in little time was added to this disadvantage, an attack of dryrot, which affected the floor and other woodwork, and led to more expenditure. Finally Scar House itself was taken, and here again considerable expense was incurred in adapting it for the Society's meetings and in furnishing and making a rough and ready arrangement for the care and display of our geological and other specimens. In this direction much yet remains to be done, and the Committee feel that this work must be proceeded with in order that the collection may be made really useful to all members and friends who are interested in the scientific or historical aspects of our own district. The Committee therefore confidently appeal then to all members and friends to assist them in raising the necessary funds to place the society in such a position as will enable it to be really and constantly useful to all who are interested in literature or science—whether they be members or not.

Again it has to be remembered that the necessary ordinary yearly expenditure amounts to about £50, and this has to be raised before anything can be done towards the clearing off of those liabilities which were incurred by furnishing and alterations. This is not the place to speak of the generous help which the members have in the past extended towards the Society. That is a chapter in itself, and can be spoken of afterwards. At present there is pressing need to make a beginning towards raising this sum of £120. Some subscriptions have already been paid towards what is required, and the Committee will be glad to receive sums—however small—for the same object. Payment need not be made all at once or immediately. Promises to pay during the year 1900 will be most welcome, and in the meantime a collector has been appointed who will collect outstanding subscriptions and donations, or they may be paid to the Hon. Sec. at the rooms any evening. The collector for the Society is Mr. W. Evans, Outwood Grove, Todmorden Road.

Subscriptions towards fund of £120:—Joseph Thornton £4 5s.; John Allen £2 2s.; William Aspinall 10/-; Lawrence Heap 10/-; Matthew Sharpe 10/-; J. W. Eastwood 10/-; Albert Holden 10/-; W. B. Potter 5/-; Peter Pollard 5/-; William Parker 5/-; J. C. Skipper 2/6; Philip Green 2/6; F. Butterfield 2/6.

**TEA-PARTY.**—On Saturday next Mr. John Dean will provide tea for members at 5 o'clock in the Society's rooms. Tickets 1/- each. Proceeds for the funds of the Society. Concert at 7-30.

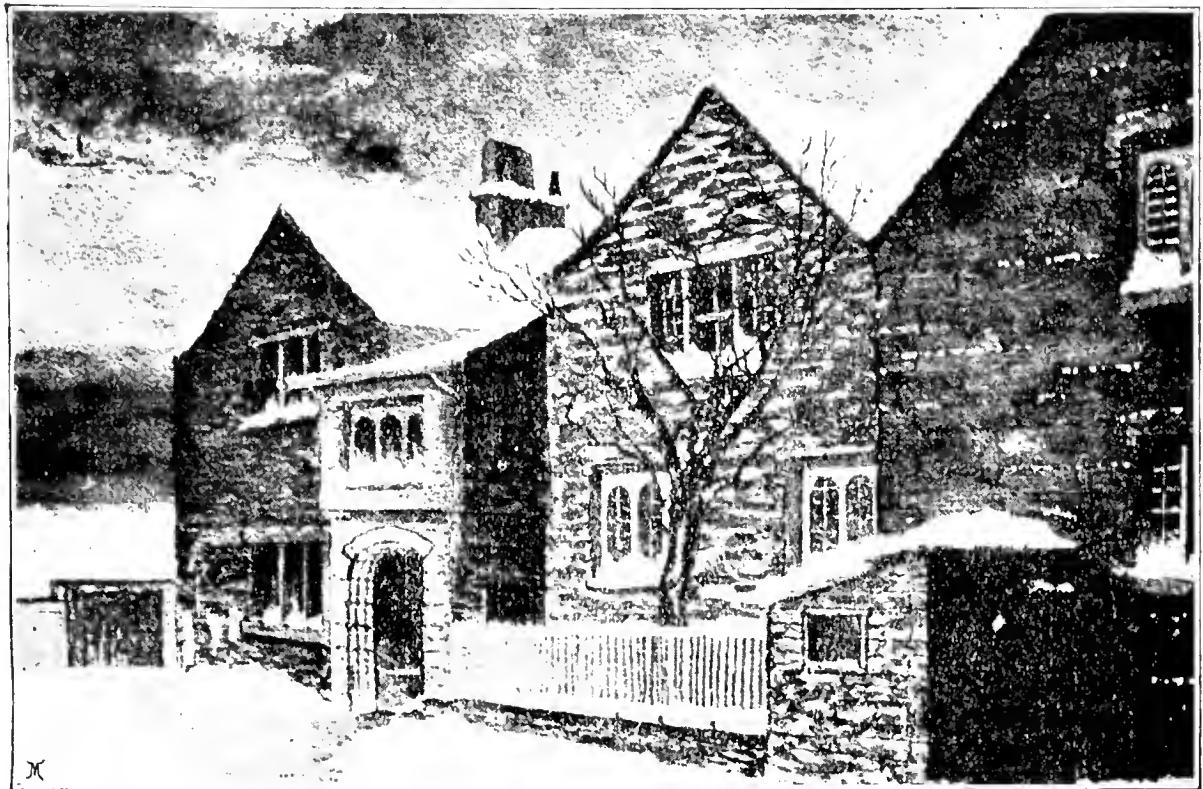
The Committee and members heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Stocks Austerberry, one of our earliest members, and one endeared to us by his talents and goodness. The Society was represented at the funeral by the Secretary and several members, and a wreath was also sent. The sympathy of all will be extended to Mrs. Austerberry and family in the loss which they have sustained, and in which we to a certain extent share.

Last Saturday, Messrs. Heap, C. R. Ritchings, S. Simpson, and H. Charles, of our own Society, and Messrs. Eastwood and Harper, of the Accrington Naturalists' Society, gave us an evening with the Microscope, which was much appreciated by those who attended. There is much room in Burnley for Microscopic work, and it is to be hoped that this branch of work will be continued by our members.

In future there will be a Meeting in the large room each Saturday evening: members are strongly invited to attend.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7th.**—The Committee also beg to draw the Members' attention to the list of Lectures and Papers during February, the first of which will be by Mr. John Heaton, Member of the Burnley Board of Guardians. Subject "Pauperism past and present."

IN MEMORIAM,  
**STOCKS AUSTERBERRY,**  
BORN FEB. 18th, 1847. DIED NOV. 15th, 1899.



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